

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Upper Fox River-Chain O' Lakes Watershed (Lake and McHenry Counties)

and

Upper Fox River-Flint Creek Watershed (Lake, McHenry, and Cook Counties)

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Bureau of Water will hold a
public meeting on

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 (1:30 - 3:30 pm)

at the

**Fox Waterway Agency
45 S. Pistakee Lake Road
Fox Lake, Illinois 60020**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on the two draft Stage 3 Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) reports concerning impairments to:

- One segment of the Fox River (IL_DT-35) and 28 lakes in the Upper Fox River-Chain O' Lakes watershed: the potential causes of impairment include, fecal coliform, total phosphorus, total suspended solids, and sedimentation/siltation. TMDLs will be developed for fecal coliform, total phosphorus, and Load Reduction Strategies (LRSs) will be developed for total suspended solids (TSS), and sedimentation/siltation (Refer to Table 1-1, in the Draft Stage 3 TMDL Report).

- One segment of the Fox River (IL_DT-22) and 13 lakes in the Upper Fox River-Flint Creek watershed: the potential causes of impairment include fecal coliform, chloride, copper, total phosphorus, dissolved oxygen, total suspended solids (TSS), and sedimentation/siltation. TMDLs will be developed for fecal coliform, chloride, copper, total phosphorus, dissolved oxygen (DO), and Load Reduction Strategies (LRSs) will be developed for total suspended solids (TSS), and sedimentation/siltation (Refer to Table 1-1, in the Draft Stage 3 TMDL Report).

These Draft TMDL reports include watershed characterization, data analysis, and pollutant loading capacity analysis that have been used to determine the reductions necessary to meet designated uses and water quality standards. The draft TMDL projects also include implementation plans designed to meet the reductions needed.

IEPA implements the TMDL program in accordance with Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act. A TMDL is the calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant allowed to enter a waterbody so that the waterbody will meet and continue to meet water quality standards for that particular pollutant. A TMDL determines a pollutant reduction target and allocates load reductions necessary to the source(s) of the pollutant.

The public is encouraged to provide input on the draft TMDL reports including potential Best Management Practice (BMP) projects that could be included as part of the implementation plans in the final draft Stage 3 reports.

The draft Stage 3 TMDL reports for both the Upper Fox River – Chain O’Lakes/Flint Creek Watersheds are available on-line at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notices/Pages/general-notices.aspx>.

The Stage 1 TMDL Reports for these watersheds completed earlier as part of the TMDL development process are available at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/tmdls/Pages/reports.aspx>

Hard copies of the draft reports are available for viewing during business hours at the following locations:

- Fox Waterway Agency
45 S. Pistakee Lake Road
Fox Lake, IL 60020
- Lake County Stormwater Commission
500 W. Winchester Road, Suite 201
Libertyville, IL 60048
- Grayslake Area Public Library
100 Library Lane
Grayslake, IL 60030

Questions and comments about the draft TMDL reports should be directed to Abel Haile (see contact information below).

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, June 14, 2019.

E-mail comments must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. on June 14, 2019.

Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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